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प्रो. जी. राम रेड्डी  
स्मृति व्याख्यानProf. G.Ram Reddy  
Memorial Lecture

## Profile

### Prof. G.Ram Reddy

was the harbinger of the idea of open university in India. He was the founding Vice Chancellor of India's first Open University, the Andhra Pradesh Open University (APOU) Hyderabad and of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi. He was a man of modesty and Integrity. Educated at Osmania University, Hyderabad and London School of Economics, he was distinguished scholar of Political Science and Public Administration. His contribution to the cause of higher education in India and other developing countries earned him world-wide acclaim and recognition. Convinced of the importance of higher education in achieving economic development, Prof. G. Ram Reddy made Universal access of higher education as his life's mission. He established, shaped and nurtured many institutions of higher learning in India including B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad and the National Assessment and Accreditation Council of India. He held many other important positions in the academic world - Vice Chancellor of Osmania University, Hyderabad for two terms, Vice-President of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Vancouver, Chairman of the University Grants Commission and Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research. The COL-International Council of Distance Education (ICDE) Award for Excellence conferred on Prof. Ram Reddy, is an eloquent testimony to the international recognition of his vision and contribution to Higher Education. People who knew Prof. Reddy, called him "AJATASHATRU" a person who does not have an enemy. He was an open, friendly, approachable and extremely modest person. IGNOU pays it's homage to this great soul.

### A Glance at the Speakers

# 1996 - 2022

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1996

**Prof. Gajaraj Dhanarajan**

(President, Commonwealth of Learning)

**Face to Face with  
Distance Education**

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1997

**Prof. Wichit Srisa-An**

(Rector, Suranaree University of Technology, Thailand)

**Making Distance Education  
Borderless**

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1998

**Prof. N. R. Arthenayake**

(Vice-Chancellor, The Open University of Sri Lanka)

**Profile of A Distance Teacher in the  
21st Century - A Developing  
World Paradigm**

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1999

**Prof. Ian Mugridge**

(Former Director, Programmes, Commonwealth of Learning)

**Quality Assurance in Open &  
Distance Education**

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2000

**Prof. R. V. R. Chandrasekhara Rao**

(Former Vice Chancellor, Dr B.R. Ambedkar Open University)

**Learning in  
Informational Society**

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2001

**Prof. Ian Macdonald**

(Chairman of Common Wealth of Learning)

**Access to Education:  
A Guarantee of a less  
Divided World**

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2002

**Dr. K. Kasturirangan**

(Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation)

**Connectivity through  
Space-A Boon for  
Developing India**

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2003

**Dr. R. A. Mashelkar**

(Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi)

**On Building Innovative  
India of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

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2004

### Dr. G. Madhavan Nair

(Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation, Secretary, Department of Space)

Development of Space  
Programme and  
its Impact on Education

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2005

### Prof. (Dr.) N.R. Madhava Menon

(Director of National Judicial Academy, Formerly Founder  
Vice Chancellor of West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences)

A vision for  
Legal Education in the  
Emerging Global Scenario

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2006

### Prof. Yashpal

(Former Chairman, University Grants Commission)

Let us not forget the  
Proximate while chasing  
the Wonders of Distance

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2007

### Dr. T. Ramasami

(Secretary, Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India)

Science Education:  
At the core of National  
Development

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2008

**Dr. Montek S Ahluwalia**

(Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission)

**Challenges of Inclusive Growth**

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2009

**Sh. Kiran Karnik**

(Former President, NASSCOM)

**Education,  
Media and Development**

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2010

**Prof. M. S. Valiathan**

(Founder Vice Chancellor of Manipal University)

**Medical Education  
in the Melting Pot**

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2011

**Prof. (Dr.) C.P. Joshi**

(Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Government of India)

**Rural Empowerment and  
Panchayati Raj Institutions**

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2012

### Prof. (Dr.) D.N.Reddy

(Former Vice Chancellor, JNTU & Chairman, Recruitment & Assessment Centre, DRDO)

Education in  
21<sup>st</sup> Century - Towards  
Virtual Universities And  
Technology Enabled Learning

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2013

### Prof. Ram G. Takwale

(Former Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU)

Reconstructing Higher Education:  
Approaches to New Education for  
Social Transformation in a  
Globally Connected Society

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2014

### Prof. Asha S. Kanwar

(President, Commonwealth of Learning, Canada)

Open Universities in the  
time of MOOCs

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2015

### Prof. Arun Nigavekar

(Senior Advisor & Trustee, Science & Technology Park,  
University of Pune)

“ India needs to go for  
disruptive innovation in  
Higher education sector”

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2016

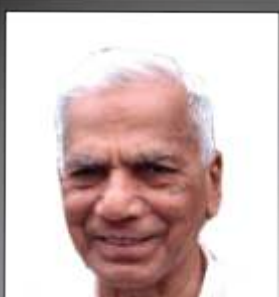
**Dr. Sanjaya Baru**

(Member, Governing Board, Centre for Policy Research)

**“ Ram Reddy and Narasimha  
-Why Leadership Matters”**

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2017

**Prof. Y. Vaikuntham**

(Former Vice Chancellor, Kakatiya University)

**“Education to the Door-Step”  
(From Correspondence Course to  
Distance & Digital Learning)**

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2018

**Dr. Satya Pal Singh**

(Minister of State for Water Resources,  
River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation)

**Vision of Education in  
New India**

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2019

**Prof. D.S. Chauhan**

(Vice Chancellor, GLA University, Mathura)

**Informal Learning for  
Sustainable Education:  
Quality Concerns and  
ODL Regulations**

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2020

### Prof. V R Mehta

(Former Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University)

“Online Education  
in the Age of the Pandemic”

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2021

### Prof. V.S. Prasad

Former Vice-Chancellor,  
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad

“Open Universities in India:  
The Challenges of Our Times”

Through  
Virtual Mode



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Chief Guest

## Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh

Hon'ble Minister of State for  
External Affairs and Education  
Govt. Of India

“Indian Education System in the Journey of  
75 years of India's Independence”

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022

Venue:

Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre,  
IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi